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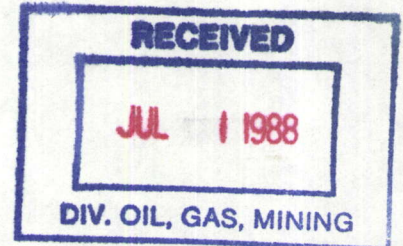
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Ms. Tanta-Lisa Clayton
First Security Bank of Utah, N.A.
Trust Division
Corporate Trust Department
Suite 310
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June 27, 1988



Dear Ms. Clayton:

Re: Rio Algom Mining Corp. (formerly Rio Algom Corporation)/
Board of Oil, Gas and Mining Escrow Account

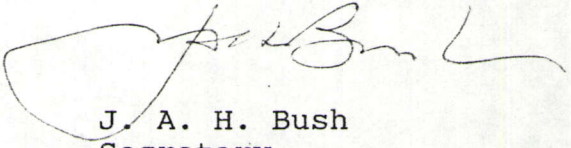
We hereby authorize and direct that the funds held in escrow by First Security Bank of Utah pursuant to the Mined Lands Reclamation Agreement between Rio Algom Mining Corp. (RAMC) and the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining (the Board), dated September 25, 1980, and the Escrow Agreement among RAMC, the Board and First Security Bank of Utah, N.A., dated September 25, 1980, be released from escrow. This will represent the final disbursement pursuant to Section 2 of the Escrow Agreement. Accordingly, upon such disbursement, the Escrow Agreement will terminate.

Rio Algom Mining Corp. hereby waives any provisions of the Mined Land Reclamation Agreement and Escrow Agreement which are inconsistent with the release of the escrow funds in this manner. This includes a waiver of Section 6 of the Mined Land Reclamation Agreement. Additionally, no more payments under Section 2 of said Reclamation Agreement will be required. We understand that the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining is providing you with a similar waiver of the Mined Land Reclamation Agreement and Escrow Agreement.

We are informed that the escrowed funds are presently invested in Treasury securities maturing later this year. On termination of the Escrow Agreement, we hereby direct you to sell the securities and deposit the proceeds, along with any funds in Account #160-6813, to our General Account #045-00180-15 at the First Security Bank of Utah, Moab branch.

Yours very truly,

RIO ALGOM MINING CORP.


J. A. H. Bush
Secretary

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cc: G. P. Williams
Chairman, Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining.